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Event on horizon: Worst in 50 years

- City slated for brunt of massive hurricane
- Could get 5 to 10 inches of rain Sunday
- Officials said seven inches of rain would be equal to seven feet of snow in winter storm

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▶ Philadelphia and the southern coast of New Jersey will be lucky if fallen trees are the worst damage come Monday morning.

Philadelphia city officials are closely monitoring the path of Hurricane Irene as she barrels towards the East Coast and threatens to become the worst storm to hit the city in a half-century.

As of Thursday afternoon, the forecast was for tropical storm conditions Saturday night, with up to seven inches of rain over the weekend. Officials will present another update Friday, at which time they could discuss possible evacuations in certain parts of the city.

"With all the rain we've had this month — 13 inches already — the ground is already wet so trees come down a little easier and power outages could last for days."
VALERIE MEOLA, METEOROLOGIST AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE'S MOUNT HOLLY, N.J., FORECAST OFFICE

"This storm is coming, the only question is the severity," Mayor Michael Nutter said Thursday. Nutter urged residents in flood-prone areas, such as Manayunk and East Falls, to begin making preparations in case of evacuations.

"Evacuate, don't wait. Evacuate, don't wait," Nutter said.

The city's 311 line will be staffed 24 hours a day starting Friday. Streets department workers are also doing their best to clear drains, thought Nutter made it clear that the flooding could still be severe.

This is like a massive snow event in the middle of the summer," he said.

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3. **If you live in a low-lying area, make an evacuation plan.** (Prepare to stay with family or friends whose houses do not usually flood.)

4. **Don't call 911 unless** there is a true medical or public safety emergency. (During heavy storms, lines are often flooded with calls of a non-emergency nature, leading to longer wait times for those who actually need help.)
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▶ New Silverliners look cool once put into rotation, but that's been the hard part.

More bumps along tracks for SEPTA's Silverliner trains

SEPTA is again having issues with its new Silverliner V cars after discovering a tiny, hairline crack in three of the cars during an inspection last week.

The cracks were discovered in two cars at the South Philadelphia plant of manufacturer Hyundai Rotem and a third car that had been delivered to SEPTA for testing. Fox29 first reported the problem, which SEPTA has confirmed. The agency insists that the defect was not found on the 37 cars currently in service.

"It's an imperfection that we feel needs to be evaluated and repaired, but it's not something that will affect the safety, structure or service ability of those cars," SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams said.

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The agency insists that the defect was not found on the 37 cars currently in service.

Williams said SEPTA is not sure what caused the crack, which is on the outside of the car's shell. She also said SEPTA is not concerned about other defects.

"No, because again, we just don't do an inspection when they're about to be delivered to us. We do an inspection all the way through the process," she said.

The crack is just the latest issue for the new cars, which cost $274 million and were expected to replace older cars built in the 1960s. SEPTA originally expected to have most of the 120 cars in service this fall, but now expects the order to be complete by next summer.

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Gunfire again at rec center

WEST PHILADELPHIA. Another day, another shooting at a rec center basketball game.

A man, 26, remained hospitalized yesterday after a gunman opened fire during a game at Mill Creek Recreation Center Wednesday night. The incident comes three days after a gunman shot into a crowd at the Kingsessing Recreation Center, wounding six.

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▶ Kingsessing Rec Center

The victim was standing inside the recreation center basketball court around 9 p.m. METRO/AW

Newborn found safe

UNIVERSITY CITY. A newborn boy was found safe Thursday nearly five hours after the 2-day-old was taken from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania by his mother.

Police located the two shortly before 5 p.m. on Kingsessing Avenue. The child had been in the Intensive Care Unit with an alarm sensor attached to his umbilical cord.

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Nutter: Arlene on 'full-blitz media tour'

Mayor responded to Ackerman's sudden interview on national website ● Former schools chief called buyout 'a million to step aside' ● Nutter says she took money 'without reservation ... in payout of nearly $1 million'

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Ackerman and Nutter are no longer on the same path.

Days after former schools superintendent Arlene Ackerman agreed to a $905,000 buyout to step down, the war of words between her and Mayor Michael Nutter continues.

During an interview with Education Week, Ackerman said Nutter was to blame for threatening the elimination of full-day kindergarten during the district's budget crisis in May.

"I really didn't want to do it. I really didn't feel good about it," Ackerman said. "But I'm trying to play the politics here."

"If your boss does not want to work with you, and they're willing to pay you a million to step aside — that's how much they don't want to work with you — then what can you do?"

Ackerman also told Fox29 that School Reform Commission Chairman Robert Archie said Nutter was the one who called for her resignation.

Nutter responded on Thursday to what he called "a number of mischaracterizations and inaccuracies."

"It's clear that she is now on a full-blitz media tour and obviously has the time to do that. I, on the other hand, have a job to do, which is running this city, staying focused on getting schools open on Tuesday, Sept. 6. And I am not going to engage in a public back-and-forth of 'he said, she said' with a former school district employee who willingly and without reservation signed an agreement — was not fired, she signed an agreement — which will result in a payout of nearly $1 million," Nutter said.

"That's the degree to which the push-back is for real change to happen in Philadelphia. People would rather give [money] to get me out."
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Regarding full-day kindergarten, Nutter clarified the events. "What we said is if you don't have the funding source to pay for that item then an honest budget requires you to now put that item on a list of potential cuts."

Still anonymous

Citizens at Wednesday's raucous SRC meeting demanded the district release names of private donors who paid part of Ackerman's buyout. Nutter said he does not expect the information to be revealed under the Education Accountability Agreement, which details the district's finances, calling them "totally separate issues."

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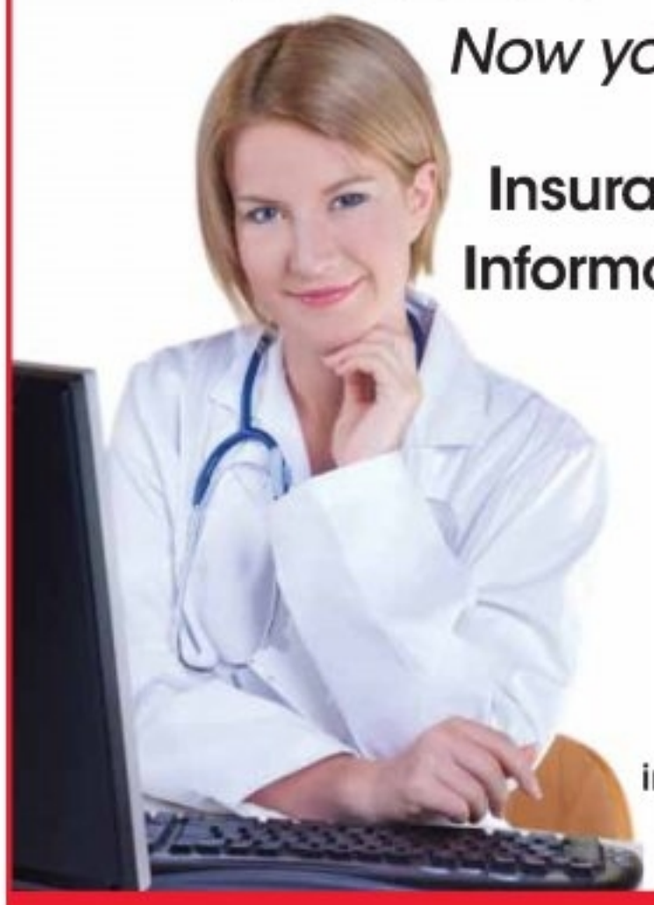

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WikiLeaks publishing new info

WASHINGTON. The WikiLeaks organization said Thursday it was releasing tens of thousands of previously unpublished U.S. diplomatic cables, some of which are still classified.

"We will have released over 100,000 US embassy cables from around the world by the end of today," WikiLeaks tweeted.

The Twitter page is believed to be controlled by Julian Assange, WikiLeaks' founder and chief. **REUTERS**

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MIDEAST BOWLING FOR TYRANTS

Opinion

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As the Dude, Donny or any "Big Lebowski" fan can tell you, it is a blast smashing bowling pins to the hardwood; and right now, millions in the Middle East are enjoying a similar sport called bowling for tyrants.

Usually only one King Pin is targeted, but it can take a lot of balls to knock him down. And yet, angry mobs there are rolling strike after strike in the name of freedom and democracy.

It is a triumph for the White House, which was savaged for playing it so safe on engagement that a gutter ball seemed certain. It is inspiring for many young Americans who enjoy a Facebook-Koolaid kinship with young folks the world over, especially when it comes to pushing the Old Guard off to the nursing home or a war crimes trial.

But the pin-setting machine is whirring even as the protestors are posting their victorious profile pics, and you can bet your league shirt new King Pins are preparing to take a stand. Why?

Many of these countries have one key industry and are wracked by joblessness. That equation has always made it easy for tyrants to arise: Control that one resource, and you control the wealth and power of the nation.

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"You can bet your league shirt new King Pins are preparing to take a stand."
FOREMAN

The protestors seem to lack any clear strategy for what they will do with their newfound power. Sure, they'll hold elections — but absent rapid economic improvements, this too can leave the door wide open for new dictators to hijack their revolutions.

And lastly, women still have limited influence and rights in many of these communities. Here is a simple test for whether a country can be truly Democratic. If women are relegated primarily to child-bearing and family-caring, it is usually a sign of an economy and health system that can't survive without half the population in this role. And when that many people are forced to respect such an imposed foul line, tyrants know that much of their work is already done.

I'm not saying there is no cause for celebration. What I am saying is that even though some of the King Pins are gone, the circumstances that brought them to the front of the pin set remain; and in a long tournament, even a string of strikes does not necessarily take the trophy.

*– CNN's **Tom Foreman** is a regular on "AC360°"/ www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."*

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So far, investors OK with Jobs exit

SAN FRANCISCO. Apple Inc. began a new era on Thursday without Steve Jobs as chief executive, a momentous shift that surprised investors but barely dented confidence in the near-term outlook for the stock.

In announcing that he could no longer fulfill his duties, Jobs stepped away from his role as CEO and cleared the way for Tim Cook to take over leadership of one of the world's best-known and valuable companies.

Investors, at least for now, appear convinced that Apple can keep churning out blockbuster products and oversized profits with Cook in charge. Jobs, who has been on medical leave since January, will stay on as chairman. **REUTERS**

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▶ A Libyan rebel burns a poster of Muammar Gaddafi at Bab al-Aziziyah in Tripoli.

Libyan rebels work to restore oil fields; Gaddafi still hiding

Muammar Gaddafi taunted his Libyan enemies and their Western backers on Thursday as rebel forces battled pockets of loyalists across Tripoli in an ever more urgent quest to find and silence the fugitive strongman.

Rumors of Gaddafi or his sons being cornered, even sighted, swirled among excitable rebel fighters engaged in heavy machine-gun and rocket exchanges. But two days after his compound was overrun, hopes of a swift end to six months of war were still being frustrated by fierce rearguard actions.

Quoted

"Do not leave Tripoli to those rats; kill them, defeat them quickly."
GADDAFI, IN AN AUDIO MESSAGE BROADCAST ON THURSDAY

Western powers demanded Gaddafi's surrender and worked to release frozen Libyan state funds, hoping to ease hardships and start reconstruction in the oil-rich state. But with loyalists holding out in the capital, in Gaddafi's coastal home city and deep in the inland desert, violence could go on for some time and test the ability of the government-in-waiting to keep order.

Though his enemies believe Gaddafi, 69, is still in the capital, they fear he could flee by long-prepared escape routes, using tunnels and bunkers, to rally an insurgency.

Gaddafi's opponents fear that he may rally an insurgency, as did Saddam Hussein in Iraq, should he remain at large and, perhaps, in control of funds salted away for such a purpose. **REUTERS**

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A family in the weeds

A pot-dealing Paul Rudd makes life hell for Elizabeth Banks and friends in 'Our Idiot Brother' 'I have a 26-year-old brother who sells pizza and maybe something else while delivering those pizzas,' says Banks 'Yes, I really connected to the film in a deep way'

ALBERTO E. RODRIGUEZ/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Paul Rudd and Elizabeth Banks attended the premiere party for "Our Idiot Brother," in theaters Friday.

Call it "The Trouble with Hippies." Paul Rudd's new film, "Our Idiot Brother," follows a hapless idealist (Rudd) who, after serving time for selling pot to a uniformed police officer, proceeds to crash with each of his three sisters (played by Elizabeth Banks, Emily Mortimer and Zooey Deschanel), wreaking havoc on their carefully constructed New York City lives in the process.

The trick to achieving the film's believable bond between the siblings, Rudd insists, was not having any money to make the film. "I'm sure it bummed them out a little bit sometimes, but we benefited from being a pretty low-budget movie and not having trailers and places for people to escape and be alone. [It] forced everyone to hang out with each other all the time," he says. "It could have backfired and they could have hated each other, but luckily everyone really enjoyed each other."

For some in the cast, though, it wasn't just the working conditions that made the story accessible. Banks admits she felt some serious deja vu when she read the script. "I am the oldest, bossiest daughter of a family of four. I have two sisters, one of whom is a divorced mother of two, and one of whom lives in Brooklyn with four roommates," she says. "I have a 26-year-old brother who sells pizza and maybe something else while delivering those pizzas. Yes, I really connected to the film in a deep way."

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RUDD, ON HIS CHARACTER

She could also relate to Rudd's character, she admits, as she's no stranger to causing strife by saying the wrong thing to the wrong family member. A particular e-mail about her one sister's wedding comes to mind: "Basically I was like, 'When we go to the wedding, we're just going to make the best of a bad situation.' My sister ended up on the e-mail and wrote me back, reply-all, 'I really wish I didn't know this was how you were coming to my wedding,'" she says. "Needless to say, I was not in the wedding, nor was my other sister."

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That happy hippie way

Rudd admits that, despite the damage his character creates in the film, his outlook on life is admirable. "It's an idealistic way to live," he says. "I think we try and strive for that not-judgmental, not-cynical way of an open and honest way of living. The world doesn't really function like that. Families don't really function like that. It's a balancing act."

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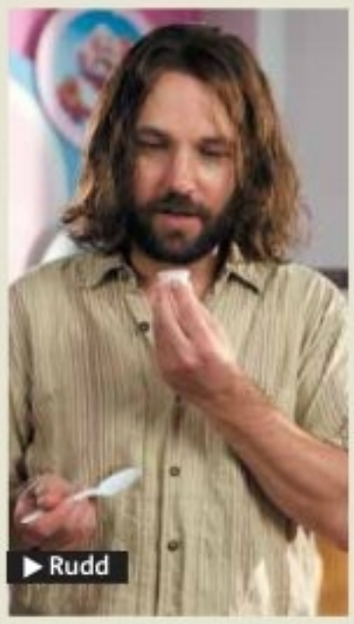
One savvy 'Idiot'

"Our Idiot Brother"
Director: Jesse Peretz
Cast: Paul Rudd, Elizabeth Banks, Zooey Deschanel, Emily Mortimer
Rating: R
Grade: ●●●◐○


▶ Rudd

Filmmaker Jesse Peretz's Sundance hit would've probably been disappointing if it were anybody but Paul Rudd playing "Our Idiot Brother," but since the actor's blend of sincere charm and idiocy is so spot-on, it makes for a lovable flick. As the titular hippie screw-up sibling who gets out of jail (only to unintentionally start ruining his sisters' lives), Rudd plays the character straight, giving what could've been oversold slapstick a sense of easy-to-swallow sentimentality.

STEVE GOW

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▶ Bailee Madison is haunted by the homunculi in "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark," which opens Friday.

It's creepy and crawly but not all that scary

'Don't Be Afraid of the Dark'
Director: Troy Nixey
Cast: Katie Holmes, Guy Pearce, Bailee Madison
Rating: R
Grade: ●●○○○

Guillermo Del Toro may be a master of the horror genre, but the latest project that he produced and adapted from the original teleplay probably could've used a bit more of his undivided attention.

Mistake No. 1? Katie Holmes. Unless she's playing a zombie slave to a mysterious group that believes in aliens, she's as believable as James Van Der Beek's Southern accent. At least the two "Dawson's Creek" alums have that in common. But in this film, as the seemingly icy new girlfriend to architect Alex Hurst (played by Guy Pearce), she fails to show the emotional layers that were written into the script for her.

But the creatures crawling around the old mansion won't fail to give you the willies, even if director Troy Nixey pulls back on the gore more than most horror fans would prefer and the fact that the vermin-talk can make it all seem a bit silly.

The problem is that the original teleplay — which Del Toro had seen as a child and considers to be one of the scariest things ever on television — is not sophisticated enough for a modern audience. What was terrifying in the 1970s is pretty formulaic in 2011 ("The Shining" and "The Exorcist" notwithstanding). This film won't be considered one of Del Toro's greatest accomplishments, but for B-movie fare, it's a decent snack until his next directorial project is released.

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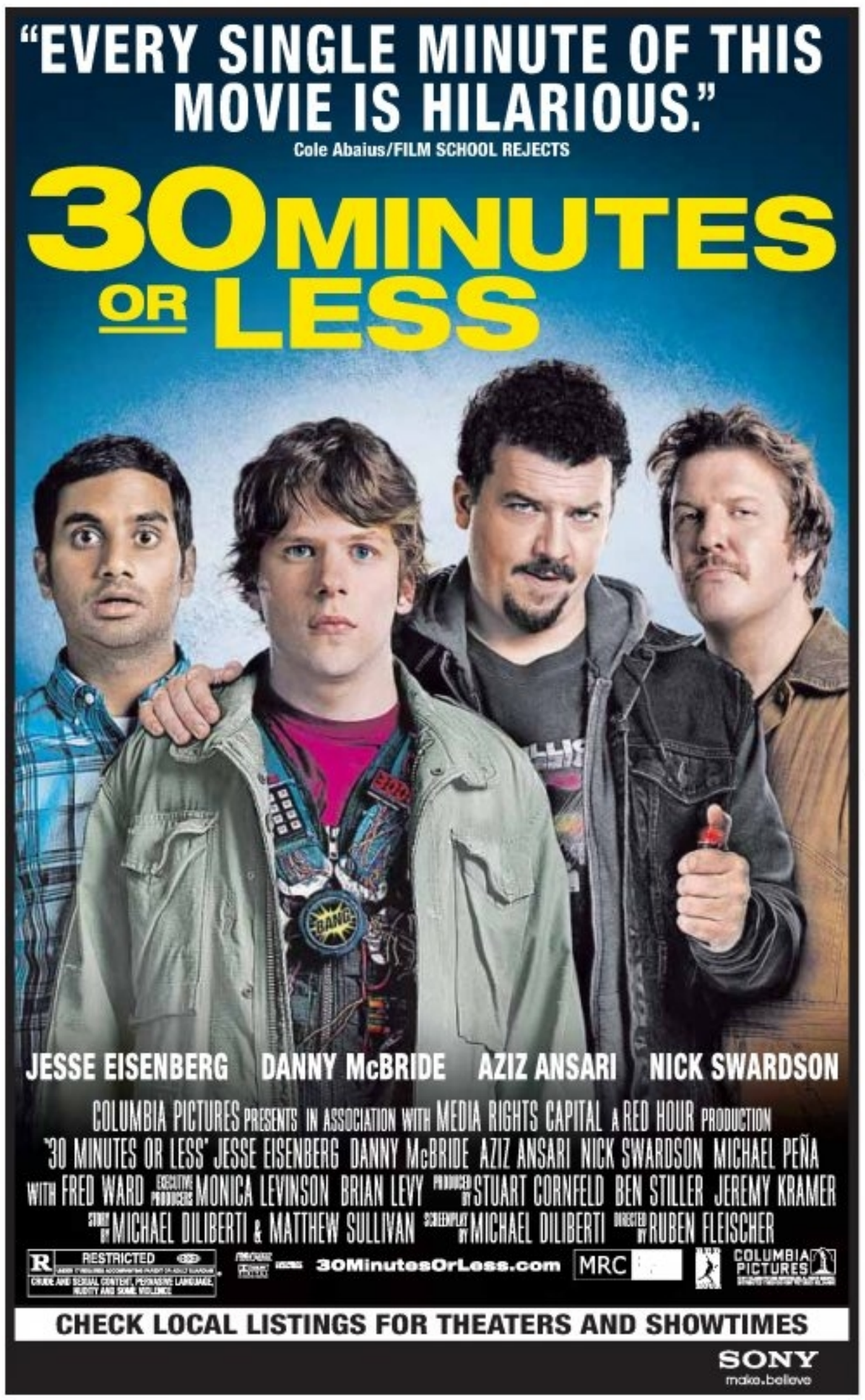
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Zoe Saldana knows her guns. "I'm a .45 myself. A .22 is too wimpy for me," the actress, who plays a skilled assassin in "Colombiana," says. "I like the .9. It's something that I can maneuver, and because I have very small wrists it's a weight that I can sustain and the impact won't hurt me in my joints."

Saldana insists she's no gun nut. This expertise comes from Hollywood, after starring in a number of firearm-heavy titles like "The Losers" and "Vantage Point." "Colombiana," though, trumps them all in sheer firepower. But her character, Cataleya, is just as deadly without a gun in her hand — something Saldana says isn't so strange but still catches men off-guard. "I've been trained by people that were in the military, Marines, from 'Avatar' to 'The Losers' and now 'Colombiana,' and they don't see gender when they see a threat across from them. They see a threat," she says. "So I would say watch out. Anytime you see a skinny girl and she's had any kind of military training, just don't blink. She could f—ing kill you."

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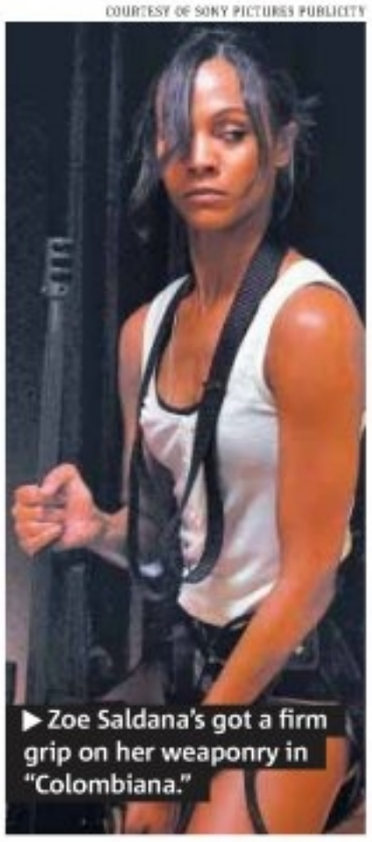

▶ Zoe Saldana's got a firm grip on her weaponry in "Colombiana."

Guns and fighting aside, Saldana admits the biggest draw for "Colombiana" was that it was produced and co-written by French filmmaker Luc Besson, someone of whom she's long been an admirer. "It's much more important for me to get to work with filmmakers that I've grown up loving and admiring, and Luc Besson is definitely one of the names that was on my bucket list."

Already a fan of strong Besson women in films like "La Femme Nikita" and "The Fifth Element," Saldana looked elsewhere for research that might inform Cataleya, including "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo." But mostly she just watched TV a bunch. "I was watching a lot of animal behavior because to me ... she was such an omega wolf," she says. "When she was killing she was such a snake that you wouldn't even want her around you."

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Time to unwind

So how does Zoe Saldana relax after a tough day of butt-kicking and gunplay on set? "Wine is perfect to unwind. Just a glass of wine, a bath and just ... I don't know," she says. "I'll have a glass of wine and go out and have dinner with the cast and crew, but before I go to bed I'm reading those lines for the next day."

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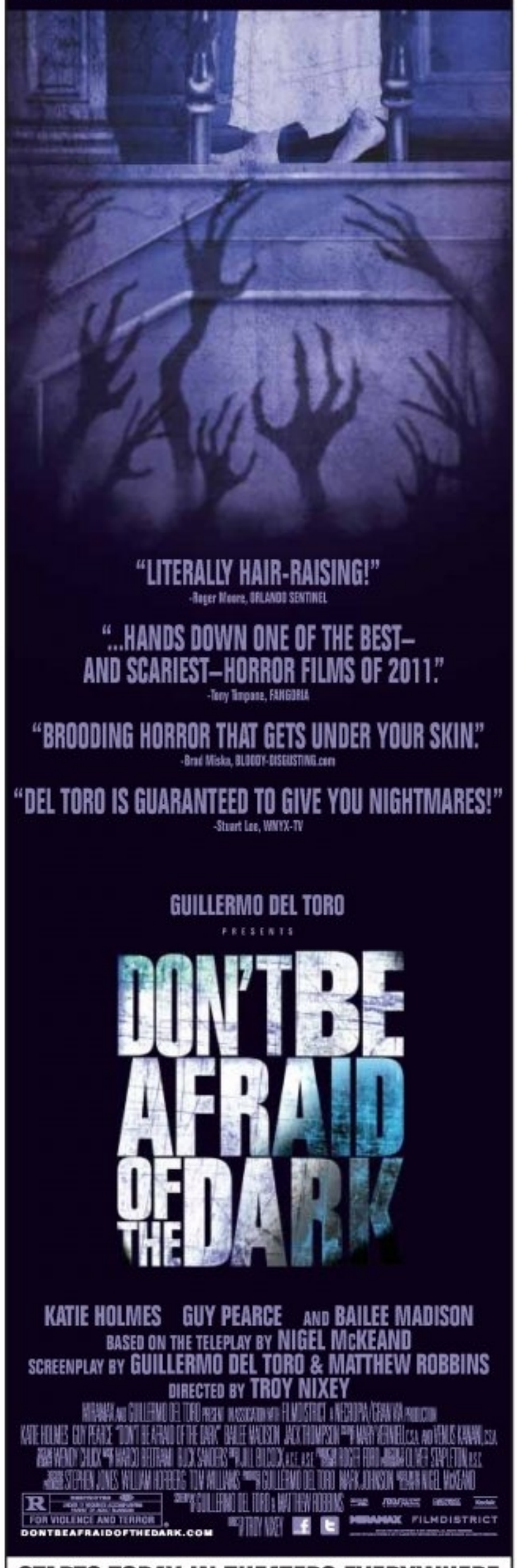

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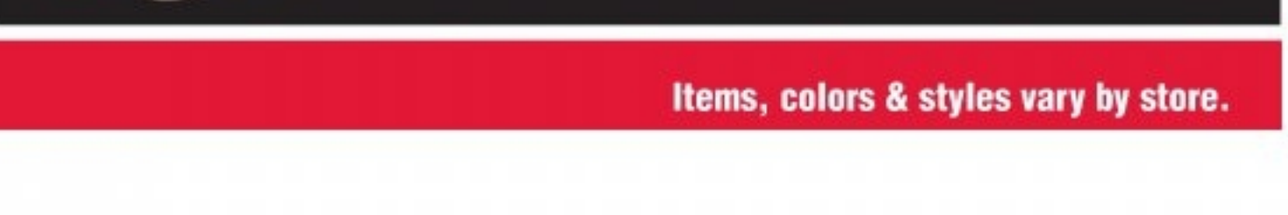

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Welcome to her frontier

City girl-turned-rancher's wife Ree Drummond brings her blog 'The Pioneer Woman' to Food Network

Ree Drummond ditched Los Angeles for life on a ranch in Oklahoma after falling for her cowboy husband, whom she lovingly refers to as Marlboro Man (not because he smokes but because he's rugged and hot) on her immensely popular, award-winning food blog, The Pioneer Woman. But it turns out Hollywood wasn't ready to say so long to Drummond. Starting Saturday, you can watch the best-selling cookbook author and mother of four in her very own show on Food Network.

Just like her blog, the show "The Pioneer Woman" offers a taste of Drummond's unique, lo-fi-meets-high-tech domestic life — there are horses to wrangle, calves to wean and a blog to put out. Taking center stage are her spunky sense of humor and, of course, the down-home family recipes she prepares.

"I do [fun dishes like] chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes, but I also do a pizza with prosciutto and arugula piled on top," says Drummond. "Of course, my husband doesn't eat it. He would not touch a pizza like that with a 10-foot pole!

And what's the busy mom's go-to dish on days she just doesn't feel like cooking?

"Ohhh, Cocoa Puffs?" says Drummond, laughing. "I'm only halfway kidding. What I would whip up for myself is different than what I'd whip up for my family. Tacos are a big whip-up dish because pico de gallo is a condiment [in this house], so I always have a big bowl of it." As for herself: "My favorite is pasta with tomato-cream sauce. Just onion and garlic sauteed in a little butter and olive oil and then tomato sauce and heavy cream. Just let it bubble and shave parmigiana on top. It just — it feeds my soul."

See why we love this woman? We'll bring over a bottle of wine to accompany that dish any day.

Tune in

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▶ Ree Drummond shows the cowboys that she can hang. Yee-haw!

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The Tea Club drinks it in

▶ From left: Patrick McGowan, Becky Osenenko, Dan McGowan, Charles Batdorf, Joe Rizzolo and Jim Berger are The Tea Club.

After 10 years in the local scene, the South Jersey band is getting wider recognition

In September, the Tea Club will play ProgDay 2011, a sprawling outdoor progressive rock festival in Raleigh, N.C. After 10 years of perfectionism, inner strife and persistence, this South Jersey sextet is finally coming to the attention of metal fans outside of Philadelphia.

This weekend, the Club prepares for their outdoor spectacular with an intimate set at the Tritone.

"It took us a long time to realize that we needed to have some kind of a business mentality to make this work," says Dan McGowan, who founded the band with his brother Patrick when he was just 15. "And, you know, that sucks, because we never wanted to be businessmen, we just wanted to play music. So we're still learning."

Dan and Patrick have written nearly all of the Club's symphonic compositions. The pair confess to being raised on stacks of King Crimson, Yes and Genesis recordings (their father was a dedicated prog-head), and in their latest full-length, "Rabbit," the brothers appear to be finding their own flavor of melodic metal within nine ambitious, lengthy tracks.

"We're at the point now where it's about having a vision — a vision for how we're going to do this until we die," says Patrick. "We've been doing this for a long time, and only now things are starting to come together for us. We were running in circles there for a while. I mean, we were teenagers, so we had a lot to figure out."

If you go

The Tea Club
with The Goodnight Lights and Rexedog
Friday, 9 p.m.
Tritone
1508 South St.
www.tritonebar.com

On the download

Both of the Tea Club's full-length albums — "Rabbit" and "General Winter's Secret Museum" — are available for free streaming at **www.theteaclub.net**. They are available for purchase at iTunes and elsewhere.

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THE RUNDOWN

Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week

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▶ Thurston Moore plays the Church on Tuesday.

Music

Sheena Easton
Friday, 8 p.m.
Parx Casino, free
www.parxcasino.com
The Grammy-winning singer and actress performs live at the casino, which hosts live music, DJs, contests and celebrity guests weekly.

Brian Carpenter's Ghost Train Orchestra
Friday, 9:15 p.m.
Johnny Brenda's, $12
www.johnnybrendas.com
The former frontman of Beat Circus is on the road with his 10-piece Ghost Train Orchestra and their new album, "Hothouse Stomp." Also on the bill: locals PercyFearAnts Jazz Band and DJ Corey Duncan.

Boney James
Saturday, 8 p.m.
The Keswick Theatre, Glenside, $40-$50
www.keswicktheatre.com
The Grammy-nominated jazz artist (gently) rocks the suburbs with his latest album, "Contact."

The Inked Magazine Music Tour
Saturday, 6 p.m.
The TLA, $16
www.livenation.com
The Damned Things headline with Fair to Midland, Hour Cast and Maylene & the Sons of Disaster also performing.

Thurston Moore
Tuesday, 8 p.m.
First Unitarian Sanctuary
$15-$17
www.r5productions.com
The Sonic Youth frontman goes solo again with his latest album, "Demolished Thoughts." Philly's own Meg Baird of Espers opens in her haunting, folky way.

The Collective Hip Hop Showcase
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.
The Trocadero
$12, 21+
www.thetroc.com
Mic Q and Vision present this recurring showcase on the Troc's balcony.

T. Mills with Young Gliss & K. Flay
Thursday, 7 p.m.
The TLA, $15
www.livenation.com
The rapper — and we use that word extremely loosely — is on tour with Young Gliss and K. Flay to promote his new album, "Leaving Home."

Arts

'Cups and Coffee'
Friday through Sept. 18
The Clay Studio
www.theclaystudio.org
The Clay Studio's new show features more than 100 mugs designed specifically for coffee by artists across the country.

'Excavating Ground Zero: Fragments from 9/11'
Through Nov. 6
University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
www.pennmuseum.org
Penn Museum's memorial display features 15 objects recovered from Ground Zero, including eyeglasses, a keyboard and WTC visitor badges.

The Battle of the Canvas
Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.
The Piazza at Schmidt's
Visual artists have 10 hours to complete their blank canvasses in this outdoor competition that also includes live music and vendors.

'Farm Work By Jamie Wyeth'
Through Sept. 11
The Brandywine River Museum
www.brandywinemuseum.org
We slept on this one, but there's still time to check it out: Before depictions of happy free-range chickens and dewy farmlands were trendy, Jamie Wyeth was documenting Chadds Ford and the creatures that call it home. This exhibit collects more than 70 paintings accompanied by commentary from Wyeth.

Benefits

The Dude Hates Cancer

On Saturday, this annual benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society hits the lanes at North Bowl for a tournament and then moves over to Fishtown for an after-party at Johnny Brenda's. Visit **www.thedudehatescancer.com** for info on how to donate.

Going out

Black Landlord BBQ
Saturday,
1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
The Uke Club, Eighth and Franklin streets, $25
www.blacklandlord.com
The third-annual all-day cookout features live music from Black Landlord, Kuf Knotz and the Strawberry Mansion DJs. In the event of rain/hurricanes, they'll try again Sunday.

Michael Jackson Birthday Karaoke
Sunday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Bob and Barbara's
Sing Your Life Karaoke MC Sara Sherr invites you to celebrate with Michael/Jackson 5/various other Jackson tracks.

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House of Blues in Showboat
$26.25, 609-343-5700
www.showboatac.com

Frankie Valli
Friday-Sunday, 9 p.m.
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
$55-$65, 609-317-1000
www.theborgata.com

Donny Osmond
Saturday, 8 p.m.

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▶ Donny Osmond is at the Borgata on Saturday.

Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
$55-$75, 609-317-1000
www.theborgata.com

Lynyrd Skynyrd
Sunday, 8 p.m.
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
$55.50-$65.50, 609-317-1000
www.theborgata.com

Family

Cirque Polynesian
Friday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Resorts Atlantic City
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Atlantic City's Great American Circus

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Movies Under The Stars
Friday night: "Up," Bartram Place Beach
Sunday night: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," Kennedy Plaza
Monday night: "The Wiz," Gardner's Basin
All movie starts at dusk
Free, 609-344-8338
www.atlanticcitynj.com

Theater

'My Big Gay Italian Wedding'
Friday-Saturday, 9 p.m.
Hilton Casino Resort
Tickets start at $45, 609-340-7160
www.hiltonac.com

Sports

Joe DeGuardia's Star Boxing
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Tropicana Casino & Resort
$30-$200, 609-340-4020
www.tropicana.net

TV watch list

'William & Catherine: A Royal Romance'

MOVIE. For those of you who somehow missed the wedding of the year — or, more likely, for those who woke up at dawn to catch the royal nuptials — comes this fictionalized tale of the rather innocuous courtship of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. **Premiere, Saturday, 9 p.m., Hallmark**

'True Blood'

DRAMA. So on Sunday's episode, the guy witch and his medium boyfriend team up with the faerie to take down the evil female witch who's holding humans hostage and wants to destroy all vampires while a bunch of werewolves fight over leadership issues. If anyone really knows what's going on this season, let us know, OK? **9 p.m., HBO**

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MTV2 must-see

Fantasy finally becomes reality when the Lingerie Football League kicks of Friday at 10 p.m. on MTV2.

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Stunning history

- **1984:** In the inaugural edition of the VMAs, Madonna writhes around stage in lingerie as she performs "Like a Virgin."
- **1992:** At the end of a performance, Nirvana bass player Krist Novoselic throws his instrument in the air and it lands on his head and knocks him down.
- **1999:** Li'l Kim wears only a sequined star to cover her left breast. While at the podium, Diana Ross can't resist giving her a little squeeze.
- **2000:** Rage Against the Machine bassist Tim Commerford climbs the stage's scaffolding and refuses to vacate the area as Limp Bizkit singer Fred Durst awkwardly tries to talk him down.
- **2003:** Madonna performs with Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. She kisses each of them, but the open-mouthed kiss between her and Spears turns into instant iconography.
- **2008:** Among other edgy barbs that anger middle America, host Russell Brand refers to George W. Bush as "that retarded cowboy fella."
- **2010:** Kanye West interrupts Taylor Swift's acceptance speech and suggests that the award in question should have gone to Beyonce.
- **2011:** The year of Gaga. Not only does she emerge from a pod and don a dress made of meat, but the pop diva racks up 13 nominations, the most one artist has ever received in one year. This year Katy Perry received 10.

The WTF of the VMAs

Shock is an essential component to the MTV Video Music Awards
Who will bring this year's crazy?

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▶ Tyler the Creator of Odd Future will hopefully create some odd friction on Sunday night. Tune in on MTV at 9 p.m.

Controversy has long been the cornerstone of the MTV Video Music Awards. Whether it's in the form of a ridiculous outfit (see meat dress and/or sequined nipple star) or a comedian's low-blow joke, the program has always trafficked in fodder for next-day conversation.

It seems that the biggest candidates for controversy this year are the presenters. Nicki Minaj could definitely out-outrageous Lil Kim's 1999 outfit, though it's almost criminal that Minaj is not scheduled to perform "Super Bass," one of summer's hottest tunes.

Minaj

Odd Future, who are also presenters, seem like they could pull a stunt in the punk tradition of Rage Against the Machine in 2000, when bassist Tim Commerford climbed up on the backdrop of the stage and embarrassed Fred Durst. Odd Future leader Tyler the Creator seems to have similar disregard for musicians he doesn't like.

But why won't the performers be shocking? Well, they're all great (most notably Beyonce, Adele and Bruno Mars) but none of them seem likely to buck the system. Lil Wayne is definitely capable of creating controversy, but he has performed at the VMAs before, and he didn't do anything crazy then.

Chris Brown is scheduled to sing, which calls into question an industry that still allows him to be famous, but his actual performance isn't likely to merit much talk for its edginess. He has too much at stake.

Tony Bennett is scheduled to do a tribute to Amy Winehouse? That's just shocking in all of the wrong ways. There's some buzz about a tribute to Britney Spears, but that sounds very safe.

Tony Bennett is doing a tribute to Amy Winehouse? That's shocking in all the wrong ways.

And though Lady Gaga is scheduled to open the show, will she be able to eclipse her rebirth of 2010?

It would seem that either newbies Pitbull and Young the Giant are really the biggest contenders for shock and/or awe or that one of the winners will do something surprising at the podium. Either way, we'll be watching as we hope for something as amazing as a meat dress.

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The feed ...

On Fridays, Dorothy prints the best tweets she received all week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — @dorothyatmetro

This week, readers answered my question on what's good to eat/buy to make me feel better (I'm terribly needy). @Hannie Khalil wants me to write about comics (there you go!), while @graenewyork and @EricJWildman both react to the Smith split rumor.

▶ **@Thidowitz**
which way do u want to go with this? "Salad / charity raffle" or "shake shack / handbag"? Also I am selling charity raffles

▶ **@JonathanValdez**
A cupcake and some fun accessories

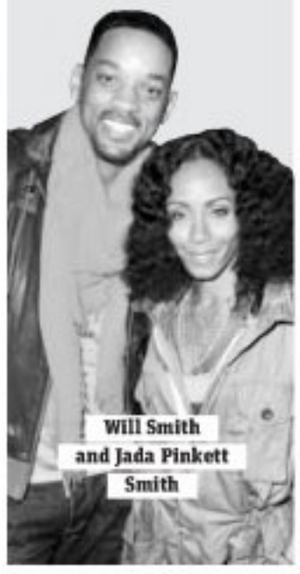
▶ **@jitterbug212**
A chocolate glazed donut and cappuccino makes life feel pretty damn good too.

▶ **@AstoriaHaiku**
Anything brewed or baked, & anything designed by Apple

▶ **@HannieKhalil**
Hey! When you get the chance you should write something about boston's upcoming new comics :P (seriously though?) lol

▶ **@graenewyork**
According to their statement, it's not true. Time will tell.

▶ **@EricJWildman**
Noooooooooo!


Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith

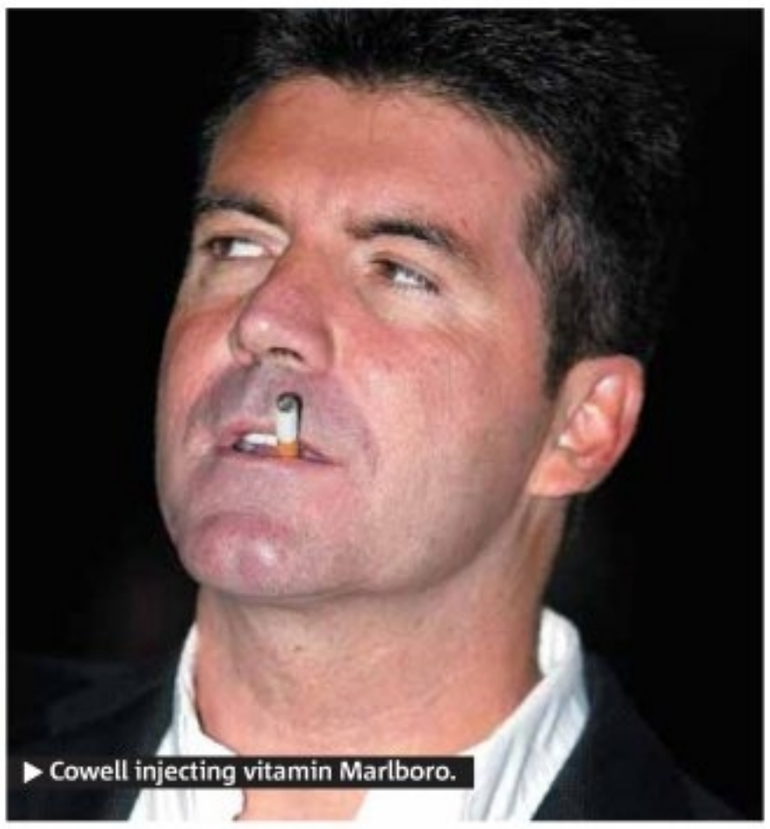
THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Cowell likes to shoot up (vitamins, that is)

Sure, **Simon Cowell** smokes like a chimney. But when you're as epically rich as the reality TV star, you don't have to worry about: 1. The insane cost of a pack of smoke; 2. The damage said smokes do to your body. Because you can just get vitamins injected right into your skin through a needle!

Cowell shares with GQ that his secret to staying vital is a weekly IV injection of vitamins and minerals. "When you have it done, it's an incredibly warm feeling," he says of the half-hour treatment. "You feel all the vitamins going through you. It's indescribable but very calming, and then it gives you energy for a good few days afterward."


▶ Cowell injecting vitamin Marlboro.

Cowell, who says he was terrified of needles as a child, insists on having his arm frozen with a spray to numb any pain before each injection. "Everyone I've recommended it to, they've absolutely loved it," he says. "It sounds odd, but when you have it, it is fantastic. One girl came down and actually had two orgasms during the treatment."

You don't even want to know what happens to that girl when she takes her Flintstones.

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Hilton is officially over

While reps for the show insist no decision has been made, the Oxygen network is reportedly dumping **Paris Hilton**'s series, "The World According to Paris," after one season, according to Vulture. The show's first episode in June only brought in 400,000 viewers, and the numbers dropped off after that. While she's been posting to Twitter regularly about her social life, Hilton hasn't addressed the cancellation rumors. Luckily, we were all so obsessed with her non-talents in the early aughts that she has more money than God and will be fine, reality show or no. Way to go, us.

Jim Carrey's creepy crush on Emma Stone

Stop what you're doing and go watch the creepy video **Jim Carrey** posted to his website about his crush on **Emma Stone**. "Emma, I think you're all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but smart and kind-hearted. And if I were a lot younger, I would marry you," the eccentric actor says. "And every day, you would thank God that I was the appropriate age for you. But I'm not. I'm 49." Carrey took to Twitter to deny or flame the attention (I can't tell which), writing, "Yes, my msg to Emma Stone was a comedy routine and the funniest part is that everything i said is tru." Stone is dating **Andrew Garfield**, so age isn't the only factor working against Carrey. There's that, and the fact Carrey's a total weirdo.

You might want to hire extra security for a bit, Emma

Talking points

Rihanna's sex tape?

Hustler magazine claims they've got a video **Rihanna** doesn't want anyone to see. "Hustler is in possession of the Rihanna and [rapper] **J-Cole** tape," a spokesperson tells Radar Online. "We have seen it and we do not know what we are going to do with it yet." But the singer herself is reportedly pleading ignorance as to what they're talking about. "Rihanna is surprised, because there is no sex tape," a source says.

▶ Rihanna

Lohan claims Monroe for own

Lindsay Lohan is worried about her legacy and a kinship she feels for **Marilyn Monroe**. "People in their mind have created who I am and act as if there is no real person inside of me. Just like Marilyn," she writes in the forward to "Marilyn: Intimate Exposures," a new book about the late actress. "Marilyn never wanted to be just a celebrity. Neither do I." But according to Lohan, the real problem is that they just don't make films like they used to. "I had always thought that movie stars were in films that would last forever in your mind. But now the films don't," she says. "I don't want to be remembered as someone who just wanted to be photographed, who goes out at night and gets in trouble."

Stars when they were grunge

1: Julia Roberts sported a pretty sweet oversize jean jacket in 1991 in New York.

2: Remember long-haired-with-a-goatee Brad Pitt? Here he is at "Legends of the Fall" premiere in 1994.

3: Leonardo DiCaprio at the "Benny & Joon" Los Angeles premiere in 1998. Oh, to be able to reach into this photo and mess up his hair!

4: Sandra Bullock sported a foxy beret (with an equally attractive facial expression) at the "Wings of Change" Giorgio Photo Exhibit Benefit in California in 1993.

5: This is Keanu Reeves while at a screening of "Henry's Crime" ... this year. Grunge 4-eva! Also: His shoes make me sad.

6: I really wanted to find a picture of Oprah in an ill-fitting plaid flannel shirt. But since such a thing doesn't exist, here she is, channeling her inner fly-girl in 1996.

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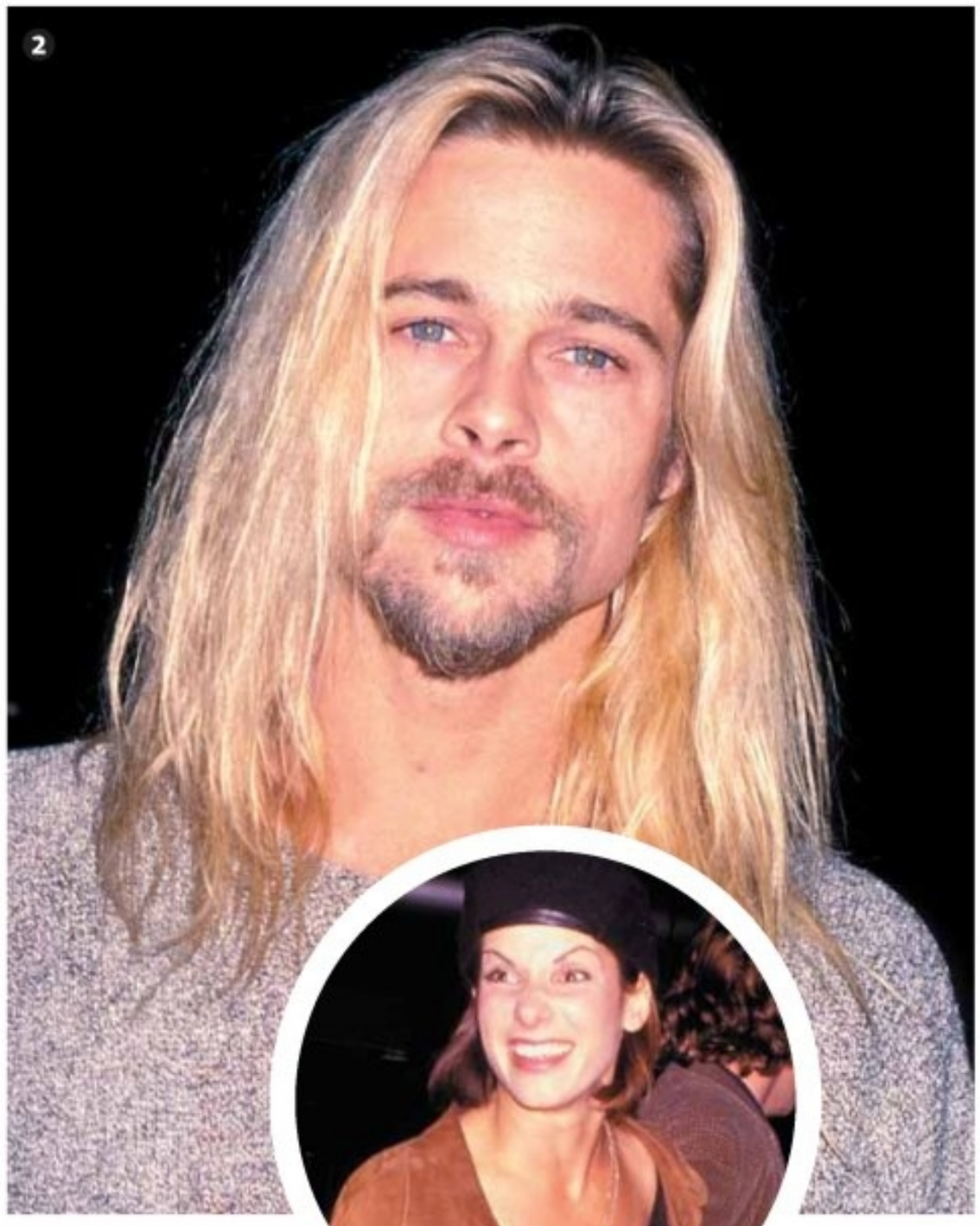

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Apologies to Mr. Buffett — we don't really think your hat is that funny Honest Abe a real wet blanket

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"'Jewish Indiana Jones' charged in Torah fraud"
NYPOST.COM, AUG 24
"Crab cakes. Why did it have to be crab cakes?"

"Almost everything we're taught is wrong"
FOXNEWS.COM, AUG. 24
Especially if you've been taking your lessons from Fox News.

"How is Warren Buffett like the pope?"
DIGG.COM, AUG. 23
They both wear funny hats.

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"Fasting Indian offered concession"
ENGLISH.ALJAZEERA.NET, AUG. 25
She doesn't want soda and popcorn, she wants to enact social change!

"Natural ways to ease PMS symptoms"
HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, AUG. 24
Bachelorhood.

"Lincoln bans new strip clubs"
OMAHA.COM, AUG. 23
"Four Scores, and that's it."

"Why new mothers are choosing to eat their own placenta"
NYMAG.COM, AUG. 21
It's the double-dip recession.

"Bachmann seeks to broaden appeal"
MYSANANTONIO.COM, AUG. 21
So she's dropping out, then?

"Rising number of squatters in Detroit"
UPI.COM, AUG. 23
Locals know you've got to be ready at all times to just pull your pants up and run.

"Stephen King launches leftwing radio show"
GUARDIAN.CO.UK, AUG. 24
Topics to include scary D.C. clowns, political boogeymen and the inexorable siphoning off of middle-class wealth by the entrenched financial elite.

Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be extra careful not to tip your hand prematurely when negotiating a commercial arrangement. Wait until you sense the time is right.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You're likely to be exceptionally fortunate involving a project that requires a collective effort. Thus, don't try to go it on your own when you could be more effective with a competent partner.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** An important objective isn't likely to be achieved using traditional methods. Employ those inventive talents of yours, and you'll hit the jackpot.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Stemming from a casual comment, certain worthwhile information could be inadvertently passed on to you. What you hear will be exactly what you needed to complete a project.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be alert for an unusual opportunity to develop that could provide additional earnings derived from an untapped source. A relative or a family member might be your intermediary.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Even though your mind might be focused on doing something a certain way, you should be open to any bright alternatives that might be suggested. There could be a better method.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Something of material significance could be offered you from an unexpected source. It could have to do with the launch of an endeavor of importance to this individual.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Keep your schedule as loose as possible, because there is a good chance you'll want to take advantage of a spur-of-the-moment development without sacrifice or guilt.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There will be some advantageous occurrences that pop up suddenly, and you'll want to give them a chance. Don't be closed-minded.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you find that a particular friend keeps lingering in your mind, it may be a signal to get in touch with him or her. This person could have interesting news to share that'll prove valuable.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be prepared to act and capitalize on events that start to break loose. What occurs is likely to have something to do with your career or job, and would be a good change for you.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Unless you get yourself involved in something that challenges your imagination and/or your intelligence, you could find yourself in a restless mood that you'll have a hard time quelling.
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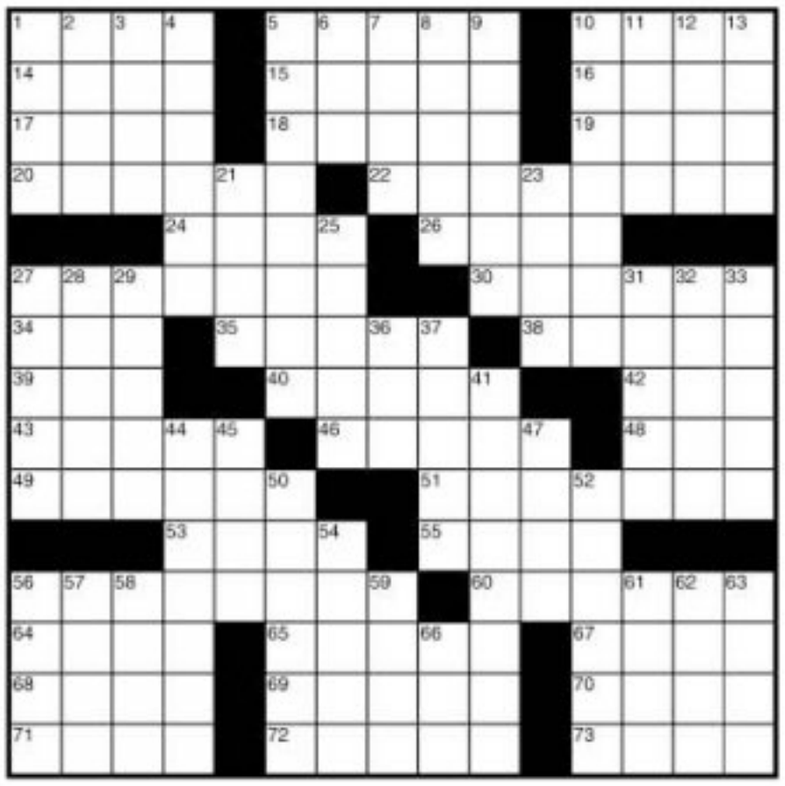

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Bryzgalov compares Philadelphia to his homeland ◗ Applauds Flyers organization, new teammates ◗ Ready to play 60-70 games, whatever needed ◗ Training camp opens Sept. 17

Welcome to Philadelphia. Now, buy an umbrella.

Ilya Bryzgalov — the Flyers' $51 million goaltender — is still adjusting to the weather in his new town.

"Lots of rain. You can hear it right now," Bryzgalov said Thursday at his introductory press conference. "It reminds me of Russia a little bit."

The hockey? Well, that part will take care of itself.

"We're all hockey people," Bryzgalov said. "We know why we're here. We know what we have to do."

Flyers GM Paul Holmgren expects his new goalie to play at least 60 games — and that is fine with Bryzgalov, who has learned how to juggle practice and game time over the years.

"When you feel a little bit exhausted, tired physically and mentally, and you feel like you need to take a break, you have to take a break," Bryzgalov said.

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▶ Bryzgalov signed a $51 million contract with the Flyers.

Bryzgalov has been living in Rittenhouse Square as he searches for a permanent residence in South Jersey. He's already been recognized a few times.

"The people have been very friendly," Bryzgalov said. "There are lots of good restaurants right there. I like it a lot here."

Bryzgalov applauded his new teammates and the Flyers' organization. He doesn't expect any growing pains with his new team. In fact, he doesn't anticipate any pressure from this Cup-starved city.

"I never put pressure on myself. I know my job. I know what I have to do," he said. "Sorry guys, that [pressure] is from you [the media]. You put pressure on us and create pressure for the team. I think I can handle it."

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Put me in, coach

Bryzgalov hasn't played in less than 65 games in each of his last three seasons. It still isn't clear how much the Flyers will rotate him with Sergei Bobrovsky. Either way, 31-year-old Bryzgalov is ready to go.

- "If they need me to play 70 games, I will play 70 games," **Bryzgalov said.** "If they want me to play 50 games, I will play 50 games."
- **Training camp will begin Sept. 17.** The Flyers' first exhibition game is slated for Sept. 20 in Toronto. The team opens the regular season Oct. 6 in Boston.

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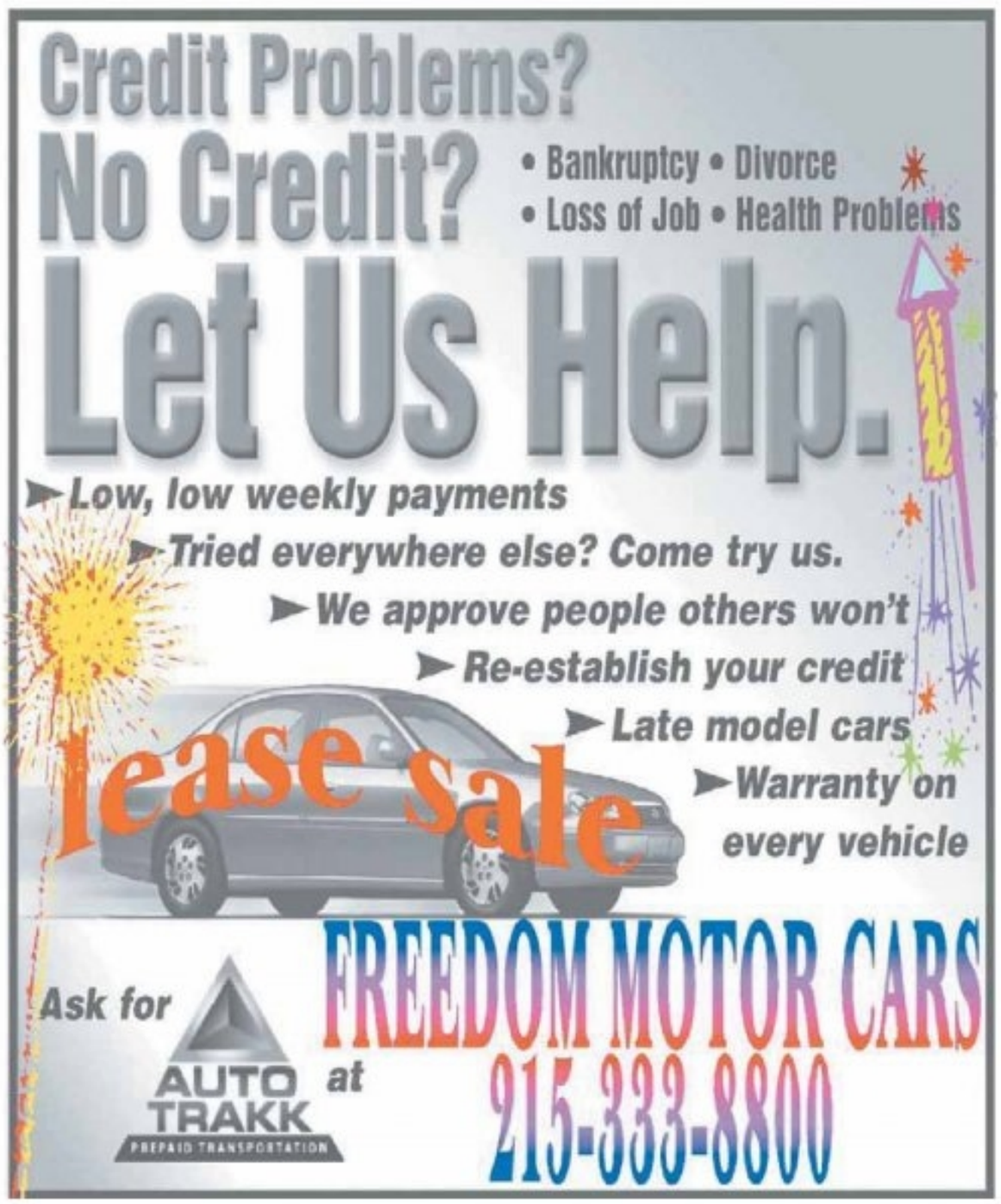

Birds doing safety dance once again

Muddled safety position gives Eagles plenty of options ◗ Page gets start with Allen ailing ◗ Rosters trimmed next week ◗ Tough decisions ahead

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Think they might be humming that tune at the NovaCare Complex?

Okay, probably not.

But, with the uncertainty surrounding Nate Allen and his ailing knee, there's a strong possibility the Eagles will keep a small army of safeties when the roster is trimmed down.

That's kind of what Jarrad Page is banking on. The five-year veteran has started 40 games in his NFL career, and had already recorded eight total tackles and one interception entering Thursday night's preseason game against the Cleveland Browns. Page got the start in place of Allen, who is still not 100 percent after undergoing offseason knee surgery.

"I'm just trying to work hard," Page told reporters earlier this week. "It's tough when you get to a team and you're behind the eight ball a little bit, trying to learn the defense. But I think my years in the league helped me a lot."

With the Eagles investing a second-round draft pick in former Temple star Jaiquawn Jarrett, Allen still recovering and Kurt Coleman slated to start at free safety, the team has a lot of bodies in the secondary.

Add special-teams dynamo Colt Anderson into the mix and the Eagles will have some very tough decisions to make on Aug. 30, when the rosters get cut from 90 to 80 players.

For now, the players are taking it in stride.

Page is just trying to gel with his new team.

"I've been happy with the way I've picked up things, and I feel like we're getting a lot tighter as a group," he said.

Meanwhile, Allen — the projected starter at strong safety — is going full tilt, whenever he gets a shot.

"We'll take it for what it is, and [I'll] take advantage of the chances I get."

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▶ Page recorded an interception against Baltimore.

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Phils move game, bracing for Irene

Team moves Sunday game to Saturday Halladay gets early start in doubleheader Lee gets Game 2

Hurricane Irene's wrath is already being felt before the impending tropical storm has even hit area shores.

The Phillies announced that they had moved Sunday afternoon's game against the Florida Marlins to 1:05 p.m. as part of a day-night doubleheader at Citizens Bank Park. Tickets for Sunday's game will be honored. Gates will open at 11:05 a.m.

Roy Halladay is scheduled to pitch the first game of the doubleheader for the Phillies, with Cliff Lee going in the nightcap.

But Friday's 7:05 p.m. start hasn't changed.

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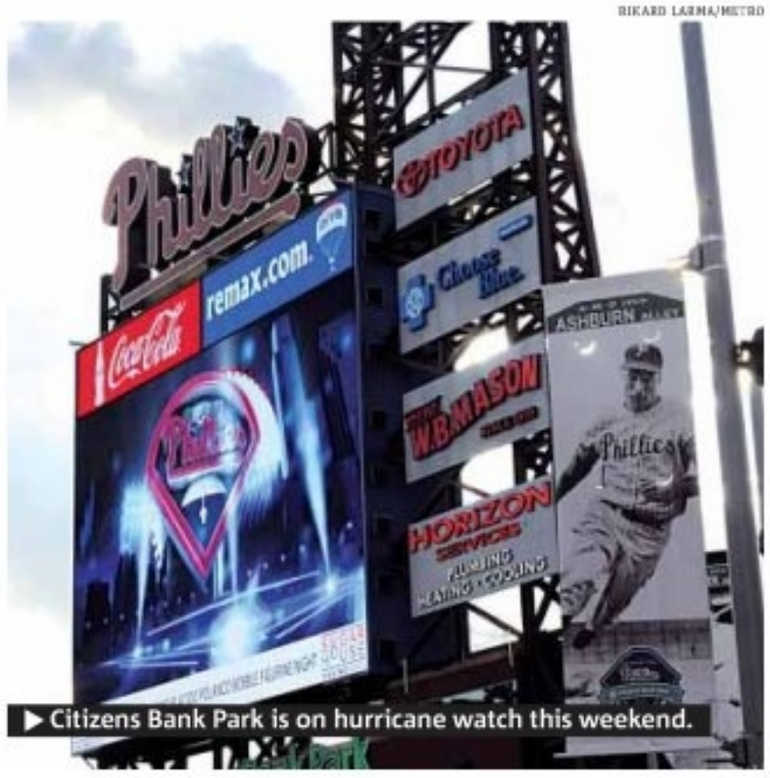

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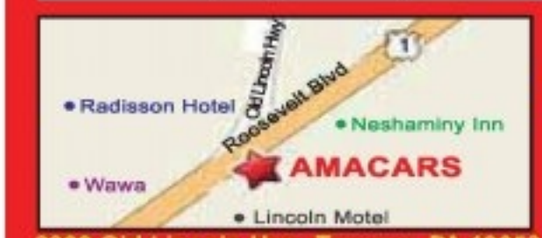

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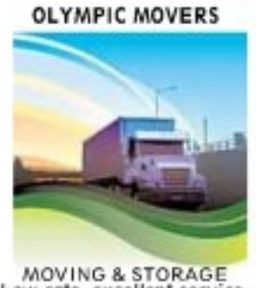

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